

HOUSE RESOLUTION 85

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Coleman Webster Crouch of Byrdstown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Coleman Webster Crouch; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crouch was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on July 27, 1926, Coleman Crouch was the son of Jason Porter Crouch and Velma Marie Rains Crouch; and

WHEREAS, at the age of ten, he worked on the family farm, plowing the fields behind a mule; in later years, he made farming his life's work, instituting soil conservation practices and raising registered Angus cattle on the Crouch farm; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his continued work on the farm, he wired many houses in Moodyville and Clark Mountain for electricity in the late '40s and early '50s, relying on knowledge he had acquired from science classes in high school; and

WHEREAS, a resourceful autodidact, he learned tax law as it applied to farming and assisted many of his neighbors and friends with their income taxes, including the famed Alvin C. York; Mr. Crouch refused to accept payment from Sergeant York, telling him he had already paid with his service in the war; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, Mr. Crouch read his large print Bible daily and knelt beside his bed for prayer each night. He always honored the Golden Rule; one of his greatest joys was helping those in need; and

WHEREAS, Coleman Crouch was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crouch enjoyed the loving companionship of Cleady Mae Whitlow, to whom he was married on June 7, 1951, and who predeceased him two weeks prior to their fiftieth wedding anniversary; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents and his wife, Coleman Crouch was preceded in death by his sister, Leta Crouch West, and his grandson Justin Crouch; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his three children, Kay (Norman) Amonett, Susan (Curtis) Brewer, and Jeffrey (Reta) Crouch; five grandsons, Joseph (Kari) Amonett, Lee (Leah) Amonett, Jon (Elysia) Green, Tim (Tatum) Green, and Paul (Kristen) Crouch; two granddaughters, Christina (Matthew) Crawford and Brittany (Cullen) Copeland; and twenty-one great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crouch leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Coleman Webster Crouch, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Crouch.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.